

REMARKS

The Applicants have amended Figures 3B, 3C, and 4B to correct inaccuracies. The application is now believed to be in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 456-1951 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

DATED this 10th day of October, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

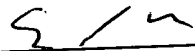


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